

Remarks

Prior to this Amendment and Response, original claims 1-20 were pending in the Application. Herein, claims 2, 3, 10, and 15-17 were amended; claim 1 was cancelled, and no claims were added. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 2-20 will remain pending in the Application. Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 1 of the Office Action that the document EP 0 993 209 A2 has been placed in the file but not considered due to lack of an English-language translation. The undersigned represents that no English translation is known to be extant at this time, and that the document's relevance is solely that it was cited in a communication received from a foreign patent office in connection with a corresponding foreign application.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the informal drawings filed with the original as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(4), specifically because the reference number "16" was used for designating two different blocks in Figure 1. In Response, Applicants are submitting formal (replacement) Drawings with this Amendment, in which Figure 1 has been amended by using the number "14" to refer to the WLAN PCCARD as suggested by the Examiner. (Given the simplicity of the amendment, no sheet showing the correction is being submitted, but Applicants are willing to provide additional drawing or information if requested by the Examiner.)

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Office Action that that claims 10-15 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Please note that Applicants have amended claims 1 and 15 to independent form including the limitations of original claim 1, now cancelled. Although these claims originally depended from on claim 2, the Examiner stated in the Office Action that the limitations of claim 2 were implied in the *Su* reference. Without accepting or traversing this conclusion, Applicants note that in the Examiner's view claim 2 apparently does not contribute to the patentability of claims 10-15. Applicants have therefore elected not to include the limitations of claim 2 in (now) independent claims 10 and 15.) As noted below, however, claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 10.)

Claim Objections

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to informalities in claim 3, suggesting changing the recitation in lines 3-4 of "to generate at the first WLAN device-generated signal" to "to generate the first WLAN device-generated signal". In response, Applicants have amended claim 3 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

In paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-6, and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Su* (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,322). In response, Applicants note that claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2-3, and 5-6 have been amended to depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 10, which the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

In addition, independent method claims have been amended to include the steps of providing a test controller, using the test controller to select parameters for a signal to be generated by the first WLAN device, and selecting an attenuation level at which the first WLAN device-generated signal is to be attenuated. These limitations correspond to those of (allowable) apparatus claim 10 (though again without the limitations of claim 2). Claims 18-20 depend from claim 17, and therefore include these added limitations as well.

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For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully suggest that this ground for rejection has been overcome and that claims 2-3, 5-6, and 16-20 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

In paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4 and 7-9 as anticipated by or, in the alternative, being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over *Su*. In response, Applicants note that claims 4 and 7-9 now depend indirectly from claim 10, which has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. For this reason, Applicants respectfully suggest that this ground for rejection has been overcome and that claims 4 and 7-9 are also now in condition for allowance.

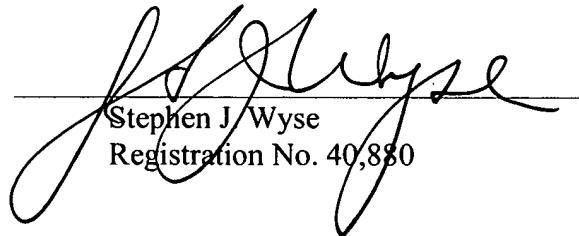
In light of the foregoing, all of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, examination and allowance of pending claims 2-20 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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An Appendix is attached.

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Appendix

Three sheets of Formal (replacement) Drawings are included in the following Appendix. A change from the original, informal drawings is discussed above.